

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION INTO COUNTYWIDE)
EXTENDED AREA TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR) CASE NO. 9683
SUBSCRIBERS IN GREEN COUNTY,)
KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

During the 1986 session of the Kentucky General Assembly, considerable interest was expressed concerning the feasibility of providing Countywide Extended Area Service ("CWEAS") in four particular counties, one of which was Green County. In response to this interest, the Commission, on its own motion, instituted this case on September 26, 1986, to determine the feasibility of providing CWEAS within Green County and the desire of Green County telephone subscribers for that service.

In considering a request for implementing Extended Area Service ("EAS") for a given area, the Commission typically utilizes a set of guidelines referred to as the EAS Guidelines. The EAS Guidelines are a step-by-step process, in which criteria for each STEP are specified and must be successfully met to continue consideration of the request. In this case, the Commission deviated from the EAS guidelines. The initial petition and collection of signatures were waived because the Commission found that the interest expressed during the 1986 General Assembly was sufficient

to satisfy these first steps. The Commission directed that traffic studies and cost studies be filed.

General Telephone Company of the South and South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation filed traffic studies and cost studies with the Commission in December, 1986, and March, 1987, respectively. A summary of the traffic studies, showing the community of interest, is attached as Appendix A to this Order. The results of these studies indicate that the community of interest between the exchanges involved is virtually nonexistent.

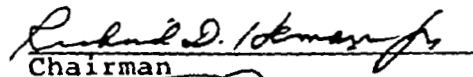
In the September 26, 1986 Order, the Commission stated that the information contained in the traffic studies would "not serve as criteria for continuing the CWEAS consideration." (p.2). However, the traffic studies reveal a community of interest which is so slight, even to the desired exchange, that in the opinion of the Commission, this case should be now dismissed.

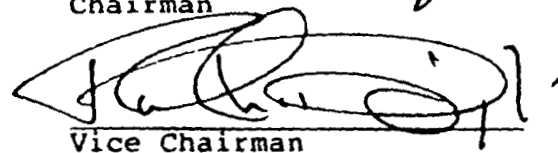
The Commission is currently reviewing its EAS Guidelines to determine whether they represent the most reasonable way to investigate and pursue requests for EAS. It is a continuing concern of the Commission that fair, just, and reasonable means are available to provide reasonably priced telephone service between areas which do have a community of interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this case be and it hereby is dismissed due to the minimal community of interest between the involved exchanges.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of November, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 9683 DATED 11/13/87

GREEN COUNTY TRAFFIC STUDY SUMMARY

2-way total exchange to total exchange traffic

GENTEL

<u>Originating</u>	<u>Terminating</u>	<u># of Orig. Access Lines</u>	<u>2 msgs/%</u>	<u>4 msgs/%</u>
Greensburg	Magnolia	3232	53/1.6	16/0.5
Greensburg	Buffalo	3232	34/1.1	9/0.3
Greensburg	Center	3232	108/3.3	34/1.1

South Central RTC

<u>Originating</u>	<u>Terminating</u>	<u># of Orig. Access Lines</u>	<u>2 msgs/%</u>	<u>4 msgs/%</u>
Buffalo	Center	799	2/0.3	0/0.0
Buffalo	Greensburg	799	31/3.9	8/1.0
Center	Buffalo	879	2/0.2	2/0.2
Center	Greensburg	879	47/5.3	23/2.6
Center	Magnolia	879	4/0.5	1/0.1
Magnolia	Center	667	24/3.6	7/1.0
Magnolia	Greensburg	667	0/0.0	1/0.1

- * 2 msgs - the number of customers in an exchange making two or more calls
- 4 msgs - the number of customers in an exchange making four or more calls
- % - the community of interest in a given exchange